

Initial Report On Drive For National Home

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Contributions totalling \$17,372 have been raised towards the \$400,000 National Memorial Home goal since the start of the nation-wide drive.

Ventura Successor

Council Elects Rhode Islander Supreme Trustee

PROVIDENCE, R. I. — Lawrence Corrente of Pawtucket, R. I., has been named to the office of Supreme Trustee.

Brother Corrente was elected at the Supreme Executive Committee sessions to complete the unexpired term of Dr. Alfonso L. Ventura, Norristown, Pa., who passed away recently.

Brother Corrente has had previous tenure on the Supreme Council, having served as a Supreme Trustee from 1949 to 1959.

He joined the Order in 1917 and has served the Rhode Island Grand Lodge as Grand Trustee, Grand Treasurer and Assistant Grand Venerable.

He is a member of Roma Lodge No. 271 and has held every office in his lodge — from trustee to venerable.



CORRENTE

This announcement was part of a report submitted to the Supreme Executive Committee by John A. Volpe, Winchester, Mass., national chairman.

With the appointment of all state chairmen and the completion of organizational work by each Grand Lodge, Volpe urged full-speed action on the part of members to raise a minimum sum of at least \$3.00 per member.

To prime the Order's membership for the drive, Volpe said more than 40,000 leaflets were distributed throughout the country through the facilities of OSIA NEWS.

Certificates Mailed

In addition, he said, the committee has mailed to each Grand Lodge a number of certificates to give the drive a more personal note.

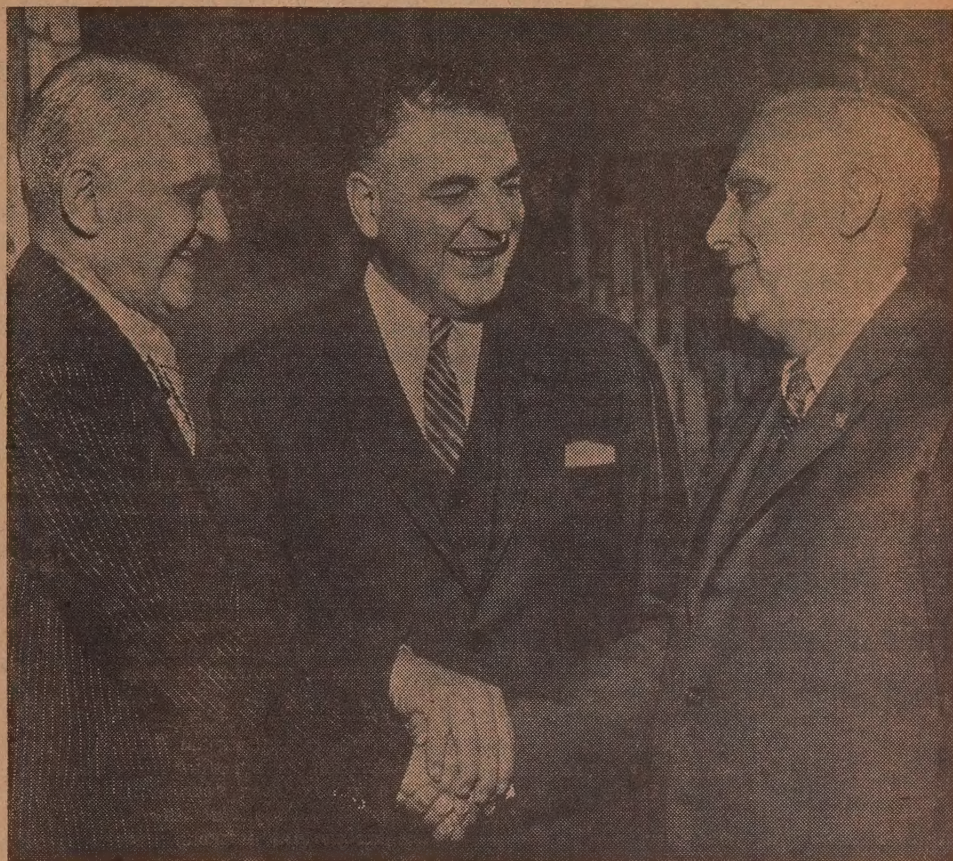
State Chairmen will issue a paper Marble Block to persons donating \$5.00; a Pillar of Marble Citation for donations of \$50.00 or more, and a Golden Certificate for a donation of \$500.00 or more.

Any person who purchases a Golden Certificate will have his or her name inscribed on the Honor Roll Plaque in the building.

Volpe said that state chairmen have been issued floor plans of the proposed home for the purpose of offering Memorial Opportunities to members and non-members.

Any member or non-member

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SUPREME VENERABLE WELCOMED TO RHODE ISLAND

Grand Venerable Luigi Scala, Providence, left, and Gov. Christopher Del Sesto, center, extend welcome to Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi, Woburn, Mass., at recent Supreme Executive Committee sessions held in Providence.

Gorrasi Foundation Chairman

PROVIDENCE, R. I. — Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi, Woburn, Mass., has been elected chairman of the board of the Sons of Italy Foundation.

This action was taken at the first meeting of the Foundation's nine trustees held here at the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel.

In addition to Supreme Venerable Gorrasi, other officers elected were Supreme Recording Secretary Joseph A. L. Errigo, Wilmington, Del., corresponding secretary; Supreme Financial Secretary Americo A. DeMartini, Philadelphia, financial secretary, and Supreme Treasurer Joseph Cernuto, Mt. Pleasant, Pa., treasurer.

Others serving on the board of trustees are, Ex-Supreme Venerable George J. Spatuzza, Chicago, Ill.; First Assistant Supreme Venerable John Ottaviano Jr., New Haven, Conn.; Supreme Orator Joseph C. Palermo, Ambler, Pa.; Assistant Grand Venerable Americo V. Cortese, Philadelphia, president of the Order's National Historical Society and Garibaldi-Meucci Memorial Museum, and John A. Volpe, Winchester, Mass., national chairman of the Memorial Home fund drive.

In other deliberations, the trustees voted:

Acceptance of title of the building and exhibits and the administration of the Garibaldi-

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R. I. Governor's Luncheon

Del Sesto Host to Order

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Gov. Christopher DelSesto was host at a luncheon at the Sheraton-Biltmore to members of the Executive Committee of the Supreme Council.

Among the speakers were Governor DelSesto, Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi, Dott. Guido Leopizzi, Italian vice consul for Rhode Island and John A. Volpe, national chairman of the Order's Memorial Home fund drive.

Grand Venerable Luigi Scala, Providence, was toastmaster.

Guests

Guests were Mrs. DelSesto, Lt. Gov. John A. Notte, Mrs. Scala, Mrs. Leopizzi and the Rev. Fr. Flaminio Parenti, pastor of Holy Ghost Church.

Governor DelSesto, warmly applauded for having proclaimed Feb. 6 and 7 Sons of Italy Days in Rhode Island, said in part:

"There is no better place than Rhode Island in which to study tolerance. And there is no better place to study history if you are interested in how people can live and work together."

Supreme Venerable Gorrasi expressed the gratitude of the Order in acknowledging Governor DelSesto's tribute in proclaiming Feb. 6 and 7 as Sons of Italy Days in Rhode Island.

Volpe urged members of the Rhode Island Order to fully support the Order's campaign for funds towards the building of a national home in Washington, D. C.

Order Deplores Anti-Semitism

PROVIDENCE, R. I. — The Order Sons of Italy, in America has voiced its protest in condemnation of the recent acts of anti-Semitism which have taken place in various parts of the world.

This action was taken by members of the Supreme Executive Committee with the adoption of a resolution expressing the Order's views.

The resolution follows:

WHEREAS, the recent acts of anti-Semitism throughout various parts of the world have produced a situation of grave concern to all freedom loving people; and

WHEREAS, the desecration of Jewish synagogues through outright destruction and paint-

smearing of swastikas and vile phrases by subnormal hate mongers outrages the sensibilities of all Christians; and

WHEREAS, peoples of all faiths, heads of governments and intelligent people the world over condemn and deplore this vilification and persecution of our Jewish brethren;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Supreme Executive Committee of the Supreme Lodge, Order Sons of Italy in America, assembled in session, Feb. 6 and 7, 1960, at Providence, R. I., do hereby voice our protest and the protest of all our members in the

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R. I. Meeting

Executive Board Action

Briefly here is what action was taken at the two-day sessions of the Executive Committee of the Supreme Council at Providence, R. I.

Held first meeting of the board of trustees of the Sons of Italy Foundation at which Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi was elected chairman of the board.

Adopted a five-point program in the Order's campaign to defend and uphold the good name of Americans of Italian origin.

Voted to continue boycott against the four sponsors of "The Noise of Death" telecast in "The Untouchables" series.

Heard report by John A. Volpe, national memorial home

fund drive chairman, that contributions totalling \$17,372 have been raised towards the \$400,000 goal.

The Grand Lodges of Illinois, Ohio and Massachusetts were authorized to sell insurance to other areas of the country.

Appointed Lawrence Corrente, Pawtucket, R. I., Supreme Trustee to succeed Dr. A. L. Ventura, deceased.

Adopted resolutions memorializing three veteran members of the Order.

Granted permission for the compilation of a history of the Order.

Adopted a resolution in protest to the anti-Semitic acts of desecration to religious institutions.

"Sons of Italy Days" In R.I.

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Rhode Island's Governor, Christopher DelSesto, paid a singular tribute to the Order during the Executive Sessions by proclaiming Feb. 6 and 7 as Sons of Italy Days in Rhode Island.

Governor DelSesto's proclamation recognized the Order as the largest organization of Italian lineage in America, whose members are pledged to uphold and obey the Constitution and laws and to serve the United States with undivided devotion.

The proclamation said in part:
The Order is united in the belief in God and is conscious of being a representative element of an old civilization which has contributed to the

enlightenment of the human spirit and enriches and broadens the patterns of our American way of life.

The Order has established institutions and conducts activities which promote the civic education and moral and material well being of its members.

The Order encourages their exercise of civic duties and rights of their participation in the political and social life of the communities.

The Order helps in the dissemination of Italian culture in the United States, it defends and upholds the best traditions and good name of the people of Italian descent in America, and it joins with national and local movements intended for the welfare and progress of America.

History of The Order

Biagi to Prepare Book

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Grand Recording Secretary Ernest L. Biagi, Philadelphia, Pa., has been authorized to prepare a history of the Order from 1925 to the present.
A history of the Order from 1905 to 1925 exists in book form. It was prepared and printed in 1925. The author was Baldo Aquilano of New York.

Three Deceased Members Eulogized In Resolutions

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—The memory of three members of the Order were eulogized in resolutions presented to the Supreme Executive Committee.

Memorialized were Salvatore Parisi, Supreme Financial Secretary Emeritus, Brooklyn, N. Y., who had been a member of the Order for 47 years prior to his death early this year. Brother Parisi had served as Supreme Financial Secretary from 1918 to 1957.

Dr. Alfonso L. Ventura, Norristown, Pa., who had been the dean of the Supreme Council and was serving his 20th year as a Supreme Trustee.

John Ottaviano Sr., New Haven, Conn., a member of the Order for many years, and father of First Assistant Supreme Venerable John Ottaviano Jr.

Plan Observance At Glen Cove, N. Y.

GLEN COVE, N. Y. — Members of Glen Cove Lodge No. 1016 will observe the lodge's 40th anniversary in May.

Fred Ceriello is in charge of arrangements for the annual carnival to be held in June.

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United States and Canada against these evil forces that are bent upon defaming and defiling an honorable people.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the President of the Republic of Israel, Yitzhak Ben-Zvi; the Israeli Ambassador to the United States, Abraham Harman; the national president of B'nai B'rith, Label Katz, and the national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Benjamin R. Epstein.

40 Inducted In Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA — A class of 40 prominent professional and business men were inducted into the Commonwealth Lodge as a tribute to Atty. John Alessandrone, the lodge's first venerable.

The new members were presented to Alessandrone at a testimonial dinner held in his honor.

Paul A. Tranchitella, lodge secretary, introduced the new members to the honored guest and to the more than 200 persons attending the dinner.

Jere F. Goffredo was chairman, and John Montone was co-chairman. Dr. Rocco Turchi is venerable.

Non-Member Contributes \$5 To Fund Drive

Contributions to the National Memorial Home fund drive are being received by state chairmen from individuals not affiliated with the Order.

Andrew C. Bongiorno, state chairman for New York and venerable of the Glen Cove Lodge, reports receipt of a \$5 contribution from Guy Saluzzo of Schenectady.

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Meucci Memorial Museum on Staten Island, N. Y.

Acceptance of title to the land site in Washington, D.C., and subsequent administration of the proposed National Memorial Home to be erected on the site.

Acceptance of funds and administration of the National Historical Society.

Acceptance of the administration and functions of the National Committee on Culture.

Establishment of a savings account at the Sons Italy Bank and Trust Co., Philadelphia, Pa., and transfer of funds to that account accrued through contributions received by the Foundation.

The Foundation, established August 24, 1959, will foster and perpetuate the arts, culture and science of the United States and Italy.

The Foundation will also give Scholarships and grants to qualified students, whether in this country or in Italy.

The Trustees are now making a study whereby it is their intent to provide transportation and tuition for one exchange student to be brought to this country from Italy.

Arrangements for this exchange program will be coordinated with the U. S. State Department.

To foster the aims of the Foundation, the trustees requested that each Grand Lodge and subordinate lodge appoint historical committees.

In August 1960, following one year of operation, the Foundation will apply for full tax exempt status before the U. S. Internal Revenue Service.

Rhode Island Grand Lodge Fetes Council

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Members of the Supreme Executive Committee were guests at a luncheon sponsored by the Rhode Island Grand Lodge which was held at Camille's Restaurant.

Grand Venerable Luigi Scala, of Providence, was toastmaster.

Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi was principal speaker. Gorrasi thanked Grand Venerable Scala, the members of the Grand Council and members of the Rhode Island Order for the hospitality extended to the Supreme Executive Committee.

He urged the Grand Council members and venerables attending to enlist the support of every member in the campaign for funds to construct a national home in Washington, D. C.



THE NORTHWEST CONTRIBUTES TO HOME FUND

Dr. Nicholas Sarro, Seattle, Wash., seated, writes check for \$810, representing donations made by members of The Northwest Grand Lodge to the National Memorial Home fund drive. Looking on are, left to right, Frank V. Orrico, Seattle, Grand Venerable of The Northwest Order, and John A. Volpe, Winchester, Mass., national chairman, who was in Seattle to talk on the drive.

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who contributes \$5,000 or more towards the completion of a room, or part thereof, will have his or her name inscribed on a plaque which will acknowledge the donor or donors of the room.

Monthly Progress Reports

State chairmen, he said, have all received monthly progress report forms. These report forms, submitted monthly to the national chairman, are evaluated as to the progress of the drive and the results submitted to OSIA NEWS for publication.

The national chairman reported on a number of visits he has made throughout the country to further stimulate interest in the Order's project.

These visits, made at his own expense, have thus far been made

to the Grand Lodges of Florida, Illinois, California and Washington.

He reported that OSIA NEWS in its February edition had inserted an advertisement coupon to make it easier and quicker for members to contribute to the members to contribute. (This coupon will be found on page 2.)

Funds Received

Volpe gave the following breakdown of funds received to date by the National Home Committee:

Region 1: New York, \$2,925; Massachusetts, \$175.

Region 2: Virginia, \$650; Florida, \$5,500; West Virginia \$400; Washington, D. C., \$5,000.

Region 3: Illinois, \$1,000; Indiana, \$10.00.

Region 4: Washington, \$1,712.

HOW YOU CAN HELP BUILD ORDER'S NATIONAL MEMORIAL HOME

To National Chairman John A. Volpe:

Enclosed is my contribution of _____ for the purchase of:

- ☐ A \$5.00 Marble Block Certificate
- ☐ A \$50.00 Pillar of Marble Certificate
- ☐ A \$500.00 Golden Certificate

To be used to perpetuate the Sons of Italy Foundation and its goal through the erection of a National Memorial Home in Washington, D. C.

NAME (print) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____

LODGE NAME _____

Make Check or Money Order Payable To:
SONS OF ITALY FOUNDATION

And Mail To:
NATIONAL MEMORIAL HOME COMMITTEE
54 EASTERN AVENUE
MALDEN, MASS.

DO IT TODAY

Life's Crime Articles

Life, the weekly magazine, recently published a series of articles on international crime. In line with the Order's policy of "defending the good name of the Italian people," the chairman of the National Relations Committee wrote to the editor of Life taking issue with certain statements by the author of the article.

Last month the Committee received the following reply from Life:

Dear Mr. Marcello:

Thank you for your letter to Mr. Luce prompted by the first chapter of our recent series on World Crime, written by our Staff Writer, Herbert Brean.

We hope that you have seen Part IV of our series, February 1, which discusses the Mafia in greater detail. In this chapter, we noted that we do not believe that the Mafia is a "colossus of crime with branch offices in every major city." Nor can we go along with those who say that the Mafia does not exist. Whether we choose to call it "the syndicate" or the Mafia, however, a loose organization of criminals does exist—one that originated in Sicily and one that operates in its adopted home, the United States. This Mafia, as Herbert Brean put it, "is principally a way of life shared by groups of lawbreakers who understand and trust one another, and who work together for mutual safety." Our description of the Mafia and views on this network are supported by officials in Washington who deal with this problem.

You will note, however, that Mr. Brean made it clear that we do not believe in the term, "Italian gangster." "This is a libel on the Italian people," Brean wrote, "who are no more disdainful of the law than the inhabitants of any other country. In Italy crimes of violence are infrequent. The most common offenses are petty fraud and petty theft. Indeed, some of the main criminals in Italy at the moment are the 300 Italian-Americans deported by the U. S. as undesirables since 1945."

Sincerely yours,
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For the Editors

*** According to information which the National Public Relations Committee has in its possession the only Washington officials who have persisted in stating that a Mafia organization does exist in the United States are Bureau of Narcotics agents. These are the same officials who testified at hearings of the Senate McClellan Committee.*

Glen Cove Lodge Lauds Order's Campaign

To the Editor of OSIA NEWS:

At the last regular meeting of Glen Cove Lodge No. 1016, Nassau County, N. Y., a considerable amount of discussion centered about the all-out drive of the Order concerning its fight against objectionable reading and audio-video entertainment.

As the Order's National Chairman on Public Relations, you are to be overwhelmingly congratulated for such unstinted effort.

Brother members of the Glen Cove Lodge as well as myself concur wholeheartedly with what the Order (through the efforts of your excellent Public Relations Committee) is trying to do.

It is indeed heartwarming to note also of the many renowned personalities in our Order who have joined with you and your staff in an endeavor to "debunk" the "monstrous bogey man"—as you so aptly put it.

The stand of the Order is highly commendable. The subject is constantly brought forth to us, here in the Glen Cove Lodge, by Brother Giuseppe A. Nigro, member and Supreme Trustee.

Once again, to you, Brother Marcello, and to Brother Maino, and the rest of your staff, we in Glen Cove Lodge, as a unit, with a bow and a tip of the hat acknowledge with respectful admiration, the aims of the Order regarding the "bogey man myth."

Andrew C. Bongiorno
Venerable

Atty. Louis R. Milio, Baltimore, Md.

Dear Brother Marcello:

I want to congratulate you upon your journalistic efforts in combating the "myth of the Mafia." In particular your detailed letter to Mr. Walter Winchell was excellent.

In the future, perhaps an article dealing with the history of this secret-society with an appreciative background of this beautiful and ancient island of Sicily, Italy, would help to dispell those terrible and unfortunate concepts which have come about and give additional data to your co-advocator.

And Now The Westerns . . . What Next?

To the Editor of OSIA NEWS:

It has been brought to my attention that on Wednesday, February 10, 1960, Channel 3, in Wilmington, Del., at 10:30 p.m., Wichita Town presented "Brothers of the Knife."

I checked the TV Guide and it describes the show as follows, "The black hand of the Mafia reaches into Wichita when one of its bosses forces a citizen to exact large cash tributes from Sicilian-born families." Dunbar: Joel McCrea.

Guest Cast

Zitto Vizzini Anthony Caruso
Tomasino Abraham Sofaer
Joe David Whorf

The word Mafia was used freely in this show. I think they are carrying this theme too far by entering it in Western shows.

As you are the national chairman of the Public Relations Committee, you may check into this matter and take what action you deem necessary.

Americo C. DiFrancesco
Grand Venerable, Delaware

A Guide For Public Relations

The Executive Committee of the Supreme Lodge has approved a five-point program to buttress the Order's campaign to "protect the good name of the Italian people."

The five-point program was approved at the Providence sessions of the Executive Committee last month. Approval came following presentation of a report by the National Committee on Public Relations on various facets of the campaign.

The report was submitted by Albert A. Maino, committee secretary, for A. Alfred Marcello, national chairman, who was unable to attend because of illness.

The report gave a step-by-step picture of the Committee's activities from early last September to the time of the Providence meeting.

The Executive Committee's approval was punctuated by warm praise for the Public Relations Committee's work and for the manner in which the report was presented.

The Providence sessions also voted to continue the Order's boycott against the four sponsors of the American Broadcasting Co., program "The Noise of Death," which is part of the current television series, "The Untouchables."

In approving continuance of the boycott, Executive Committee members said the action might help to deter companies from sponsoring television programs which tend to slander minority groups.

The sponsors who are affected by the Order's boycott are Luden's Cough Drops, Armour & Co., Johnson and Johnson and Tums.

The five-point program approved by the Providence meeting was in essence the recommendations contained in the report of the National Committee on Public Relations.

This program spells out the action to be taken by the Order through the Public Relations Committee.

Cortland, N. Y.

D'Oro Lodge 25th Birthday

CORTLAND, N. Y. — A large gathering attended the 25th anniversary dinner-dance sponsored by Stella D'Oro Lodge No. 1730.

Atty. Eleanora Iannone, Endicott Grand Orator of the New York Order, was the principal speaker.

Miss Iannone urged her audience to "be proud of your Italian heritage and bring your children up to respect their heritage."

She also reviewed the work of the Order on the local, state and national levels.

On the national level she told of the Order's work on behalf of immigration, the fund raising campaign to erect a National Memorial Home in Washington, D. C., and the project to have purple worn on Columbus Day.

City Judge Albert Comando, who was the toastmaster for the first anniversary of the lodge, served as toastmaster for the silver anniversary celebration. He introduced the founders of the lodge, Damiano Falso and Anthony Maniccia.

Miss Dolores Petrilli, venerable of the Daughters of Columbus Lodge of Endicott, which sponsored Stella D'Oro Lodge in 1934, honored the 25-year members and past venerables.

The Order's Five-Point Program

Here is the five-point program approved by the Executive Committee regarding steps to be taken by the Order in its campaign to "defend the good name of the Italian people."

1. A thorough study to be made of all existing Federal laws governing the radio and television industry to see if there are laws which protect minority groups against the type of entertainment considered as harmful to nationality groups.

2. In the event there are no such laws, the Order shall file a "bill of particulars" with the National Broadcast-

ers' Association which is concerned with the industry's code of conduct.

3. Continued vigilance in defending the good name of the Italian people. All action, however, to be taken within the "bounds of fundamental precepts of the Order."

4. To enlist the support of other organizations, particularly B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League to help focus public attention on the Order's campaign.

5. If all avenues fail, then and only then, the Order will take steps to bring about a Congressional probe of the television industry.

National Insurance Program

3 Grand Lodges to Sell Insurance

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—The Supreme Executive Committee has authorized three Grand Lodges having level reserve insurance plans to offer insurance to members in those states that do not have similar plans.

This action was taken following a report made by Grand Orator Nicholas Cipriani, Philadelphia, chairman of the National Insurance Committee.

Cipriani reported that the autonomy of the separate states prevents the Order from establishing a national insurance system.

He offered the proposal that the Grand Lodges of Illinois, Massachusetts and Ohio, each having level reserve insurance plans, be allowed to enter into

other areas to offer insurance to members.

For purposes of control, insurance charters of the three Grand Lodges will be studied to determine whether or not each of the three charters can meet the qualifications of the state or states requesting insurance coverage.

Atlantic City Lodge Notes 2nd Anniversary

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—Members of Nuova Italia Lodge No. 2070 observed the 2nd anniversary of the founding of the lodge at a dinner.

Venerable Frank Ingegneri was principal speaker. Guests were, Grand Deputy Joseph C. LaVerde, Venerable Michael Purri of Christopher Columbus Lodge No. 783; Joseph Milano, assistant venerable and Clara Bordonaro, trustee.

The committee, Maria LoPresti, chairman; Della LaVerde, vice chairman; Frank Bongiovanni, secretary, and Anthony Hroneich, treasurer.

John P. Crisconi Delaware Port Authority Member

PHILADELPHIA — John P. Crisconi, prominent businessman and philanthropist recently was sworn in as a member of the Delaware River Port Authority.

President Judge Eugene V. Alessandrini, Grand Venerable of the Pennsylvania Order, administered the oath of office.

Brother Crisconi, state chairman of the Order's Memorial Home fund drive, is a grand deputy.

More than 500 persons attended the ceremonies in Judge Alessandrini's City Hall courtroom.

Crisconi was appointed by Gov. David L. Lawrence and confirmed by a Senate vote of 50 to 0.

Carfagnini Heads Toronto Lodge

TORONTO, Ont. — Officers of Patronato Lodge No. 15 are: Enrico Carfagnini, venerable; Enzo Luceri, assistant venerable; S. G. Zonni, ex-venerable; Vincent Farano, orator; Pasquale Pecchia, recording secretary; Fedele Grittani, financial secretary; Guglielmo Falola, treasurer; Aurelio Pecchia, V. Fraticelli, Vittorio Mesaglio, Tino Baxa, G. Angellotti, trustees; Giacomo Loparco and M. Tasiello, masters of ceremonies, and Rocco Grittani, sentinel.

Pay Tribute To Judge Alessandrini On 74th Birthday

PHILADELPHIA, — Grand Lodge officers joined with more than 200 members in expressing birthday wishes to President Judge Eugene V. Alessandrini, Grand Venerable of the Pennsylvania Order.

The traditional birthday party to Grand Venerable Alessandrini, who was 74, was held in the ballroom of the Sons of Italy building.

Assistant Grand Venerable James Iannucci, who presented Judge Alessandrini with a gift on behalf of the Grand Lodge, and Judge Adrian Bonnelly, were speakers.

Assistant Grand Venerable Americo V. Cortese, master of ceremonies was introduced by Grand Recording Secretary Ernest L. Biagi.

Some Camera Views of Council Sessions In Rhode Island



National chairmen, from left to right, Assistant Grand Venerable Americo V. Cortese, Philadelphia, historical society and Garibaldi-Meucci Memorial Museum; John A. Volpe, Winchester, Mass., memorial home fund drive, and Grand Orator Nicholas A. Cipriani, Philadelphia, national insurance program.



Seated, left to right, Third Assistant Grand Venerable Domenick Agostini, Providence; Grand Trustee Yola Recchio, Providence; First Assistant Grand Venerable Raymond J. Pettine, Providence; Grand Financial Secretary Victor Gabriel, Providence; rear, left to right, Grand Orator Vincent Ragosta, Providence; Grand Orator Frank DeRosa, Hialeah, Fla.; Second Assistant Grand Venerable Vincent Baccari, Providence, and Grand Treasurer Nicandro DiSandro, Providence.

Pennsylvania

Lodges Honor Deceased Members

Memorial Masses for deceased members were observed by a number of lodges in the Pennsylvania Order.

UNIONTOWN — Deceased members of Giuseppe Mazzini Lodge No. 231 and Maria Montessori Lodge No. 1711 were honored at a Mass in St. Therese's R. C. Church. The Rev. Fr. Nicholas Thomas was celebrant. Mazzini Lodge members also held a ritual service in the lodge quarters.

FREELAND—District 19, representing lodges in Freeland, Hazleton, Lattimer, Trescow and Kelayres, observed its 7th annual Memorial Mass at St. Anthony's Church. The Rev. Fr. Anthony Noviello, pastor, was celebrant. A breakfast was held at Cherone's Restaurant.

GREENSBURG — Memorial services were held for departed members of America Lodge and Monte Grappa Lodge. A Requiem

High Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Fr. Nichola Albanese, pastor of Our Lady of Grace Church, assisted by the Rev. Fr. Vincent Rocco.

Pennsylvania Degree Team Inducts 40

PHILADELPHIA — A class of 40 members was inducted into the Pennsylvania Order at ceremonies sponsored by Tacony-Mayfair Lodge.

The induction ceremonies were performed by members of the Grand Lodge Degree Team.

Speakers included Grand Trustee Ernest M. Strollo; Grand Trustee Joseph L. Monte, degree team captain, and Venerable Frank Nicoletti.

Norristown

Auxiliary Notes 25th Year

NORRISTOWN, Pa. — A dinner-dance highlighted the 25th anniversary observance of the Ladies Auxiliary of Antonio Meucci Lodge No. 306.

Speakers lauded the accomplishments, civic deeds and community service projects performed by the organization since its inception.

A feature of the evening was the presentation of a historical program, "This Is Our Life On Our 25th Anniversary." Mrs. Anthony DeBiao was narrator. The material was written by two past presidents, Mrs. John L. DiSante and Mrs. Michael A. Ciccarone, president of the Pennsylvania Women's Division.

Speakers

Speakers were Mrs. Ciccarone, Edward A. Durante, venerable of Meucci Lodge; Mrs. Victor J. Evangelist, auxiliary president, Grand Trustee Richard Daddona.

Mrs. Ciccarone stressed the need for "an enlarged and continuing membership, so that the services we render to our fellow men will justify our growth and

fulfill the destiny for which we were organized."

Ten past presidents were presented gifts. They were: Mrs. Adeline Constable, Mrs. V. J. Evangelist, Mrs. DiSante, Mrs. Ferdinand Marzullo, Mrs. A. W. Borzillo, Mrs. William Interrante, Mrs. Alfred Dippolito, Mrs. Michael Furillo, Mrs. John Daddona, Mrs. Ciccarone and Mrs. Vera Ganley.

First president was the late Mrs. Anna Catanese.

Mrs. Evangelist, who was presented a bouquet of 25 roses by Venerable Durante, welcomed the gathering. The Rev. Mr. Joseph Stefkovic, assistant rector of Holy Saviour Church, gave the invocation. Mrs. Daddona was toastmaster.

Officers of the 350-member auxiliary are: Mrs. Evangelist, president; Alice Asko, vice president; Elvira Ganley, past president; Mary Dippolito, secretary; Helen Organtine, social secretary; Rita Pecharo, treasurer; Millie Gaasche, chaplain; Rose Manzi, Florence Gialmo, Rose Asko, Ann Diotisalvi and Mary Interrante, trustees.



From left to right, Mrs. Elsie A. Apicella, Hopedale, Mass.; Miss Gladys T. Bello, venerable of Princess Marie Gabriel Ladies' Lodge No. 313, Worcester, Mass.; Grand Trustee Edward Bonello, Norwalk, Conn., and Mrs. Paul A. D'Agostino, Green Harbor, Mass.

Vandergrift, Pa.

Dr. Thomas Ceraso Is Dead

VANDERGRIFT, Pa. — Dr. Thomas Ceraso, 61, a member of Vandergrift Lodge No. 229, died last month.

One of the oldest practicing physicians here, Dr. Ceraso had been honored by the Knights of Columbus for outstanding community service just three days prior to his death.

Dr. Ceraso, a general practitioner for more than 35 years, had delivered more than 7000 babies during his career.

Born in Vandergrift on Sept. 21, 1898, and a graduate of the Vandergrift Public School System, Dr. Ceraso had completed his education at the University of Pittsburgh and Philadelphia Jefferson Medical School. He had interned at Pittsburgh West Penn Hospital.

Many Posts

He was a member of the staffs of both Allegheny Valley Hospital, Trafford, and Citizens General Hospital, New Kensington.

He was also plant physician at the Vandergrift plant of United Engineering and Foundry Co. since 1925.

He was a member of the executive board and blood program aide of the Vandergrift Chapter of the American Red Cross, a member of the American Medical Association and the Kiski Valley Chapter of Armstrong Medical Association.

World War I Veteran

A veteran of World War I, he was also a member of William Harry Davidson Post 114 of the American Legion, Vandergrift; Elks Lodge, 377, Leechburg; the Hill Crest Country Club, New Kensington, and the Kiski Valley Council Knights of Columbus, 3174.

Survivors include his wife, Sylvia Magnelli Ceraso; a son, Thomas R., at home; a daughter, Mrs. Robert (Joan) McDermott, Stratford; two brothers, Frank and Samuel, both of Vandergrift;

a sister, Mrs. Eugene (Carmine) Calderazzo, Vandergrift; two grandchildren, Robert (Thomas) McDermott and Thomas James McDermott, both of Stratford.

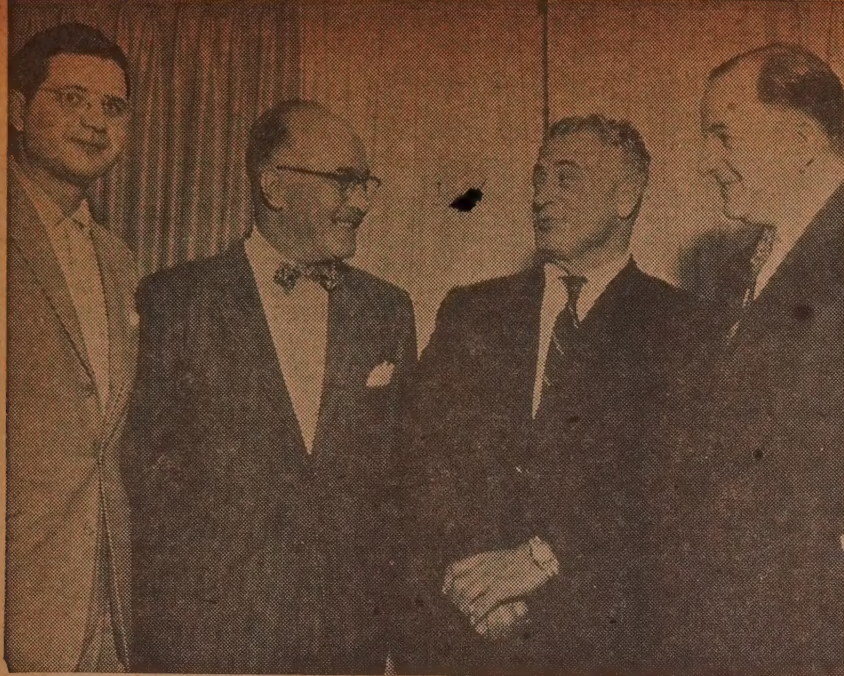
Blair Lodge Aids March Of Dimes Fund

ALTOONA, Pa. — Members of Blair Lodge No. 958 raised a total of \$577 in contributions for the 1960 March of Dimes campaign.

The lodge held a dance and floor show recently at which admission was by voluntary contribution. The proceeds of \$415 was presented to the polio fund.

The children of lodge members sold crutch-pins in the downtown area and raised \$162.

Michael A. Raia, ex-venerable, was general chairman. Mario O. Pellegrino, orator, and Alfred J. Pellegrino, trustee, were co-chairmen. Jerry C. Risoldi, recording secretary was public relations chairman.



From left to right, Grand Venerable Americo Di Francesco, Wilmington, Del.; Grand Recording Secretary Ernest L. Biagi, Philadelphia; Grand Venerable Paul A. D'Agostino, Green Harbor, Mass., and Grand Venerable Edwin T. Chariott, South Norwalk, Conn.



From left to right, Grand Venerable Anthony O. Calabrese, East Cleveland, Ohio; Grand Orator Mary Callandro, Arlington, Va.; Grand Venerable Anthony Farano, Toronto, Ontario, and Grand Venerable John B. Sartor, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Top Officials of the Order At Providence Meeting



Supreme Trustees Modest S. Mele, Everett, Mass., left, and Peter B. Gay, Taunton, Mass.



From left to right, Supreme Recording Secretary Joseph A. L. Errigo, Wilmington, Del.; Supreme Financial Secretary Americo A. DeMartinis, Philadelphia; Supreme Treasurer Joseph Cernuto, Mt. Pleasant, Pa.; Ex-Supreme Venerable George J. Spatzuzza, Chicago, and Supreme Orator Joseph C. Palermo, Ambler, Pa.

Fiorentino Installs At Miami

MIAMI, Fla. — Supreme Trustee Luigi A. Fiorentino was installing officer at the installation and dinner sponsored by Miami Lodge No. 1995.

Brother Fiorentino, Past Grand Venerable and founder of the Miami Lodge, was assisted by John Copuzelo, ex-venerable, who was herald.

Installed were, Ralph Comito, venerable; Betty Nuta, assistant venerable; Arthur DiLallo, ex-venerable; Lee Antonacci, orator; Ann LaGana, recording secretary; Philip LaGana, financial secretary; John Guastella, treasurer; Dr. Ennio Cava, Louis Mitchell, Adam Matteis, Joyce Palermo and Mae Palermo, trustees; Josephine Guastella, Virginia Leo, masters of ceremony, and Mario Lazzarotto, sentinel.

County Commissioner Charles Hall was principal speaker. Other speakers included Supreme Deputy Renzo Abbondandolo, member of the National Public

Relations Committee; Arthur DiLallo, outgoing venerable, and Venerable Comito.

Commissioner Hall, in tribute to the Order, said in part:

"As long as we have powerful and patriotic organizations like the Order Sons of Italy in America, all other Americans, irrespective of their origin, should follow the courageous stand taken by the Sons of Italy in defending our democracy in the name of a higher human and social justice."

Brother Abbondandolo received a citation from the Miami Lodge in recognition of the Star of Solidarity medal presented to him recently by the Republic of Italy.

Ex-Venerable DiLallo and Atty. Vincent Toscano were presented plaques. Jay Furnari, former grand recording secretary, presented flowers to Mrs. Comito and Mrs. DiLallo. Mario Furnari, past venerable and former grand orator, was co-chairman.

California News Briefs

17 Inducted At Lompoc

LOMPOC, Calif.—A class of 17 new members was inducted into the Order at ceremonies highlighting a dinner sponsored by Guglielmo Marconi Lodge. More than 120 persons attended.

Speakers were Second Assistant Grand Venerable Daniel D'Amico of Long Branch, and Grand Trustee Frank Diliberto of Los Angeles.

Colma Lodge Honors Argento

COLMA, Calif. — Third Assistant Grand Venerable Salvatore Argento of Sonoma, was honored recently by Guglielmo Marconi Lodge.

A highlight was the induction of seven new members. They are, Carlo Paoli, Dante Fontana, Rose Franchi, Carandina Fontana, Louis Besset, Barbara Rafter and Rodney Rafter.

Speakers included Grand Venerable Attilio Raeta, Grand Deputy Rosina Quilici, Venerable Anthony Stefani, and Assistant Grand Venerable and Mrs. Argento.

California Grand Lodge To Meet June 16, 17 and 18

SAN FRANCISCO — The Grand Lodge of California will hold its 25th Grand convention in June at Klamath Falls, Oregon.

The three-day convention will be held June 16, 17 and 18. The Grand Lodge has announced closing date of March 31 for all lodge proposals and amendments to the by-laws to be presented at the convention.

Raeta Speaker At San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO — Grand Venerable Attilio Raeta was principal speaker at the 7th anniversary dinner-dance sponsored by San Francisco Lodge. More than 160 persons attended.

Other speakers were, Grand Historian Angelo Bacoccina, Third Assistant Grand Venerable Salvatore Argento and Grand Trustee Fay Sola.

Dr. John Scalliese, ex-venerable, was toastmaster. Venerable Catherine Della welcomed the gathering.

Boosters Club Total is \$3,532

SAN FRANCISCO—California members have contributed to date a total of \$3,532.00 to the Grand Lodge Boosters Club.

The Grand Lodge offers memberships starting from \$2.00 for one year to \$20 for 10 years.

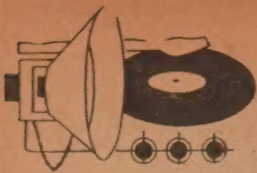
Oakland Lodges Note Birthdays

OAKLAND, Calif.—Members of Oakland Lodge No. 1385 and Vittoria Colonna Lodge No. 1615 joined in sponsoring a dinner-dance in observance of their respective anniversaries.

Oakland Lodge noted its 34th anniversary, and Colonna Lodge its 28th birthday. More than 120 persons attended the event held in the Grand Lodge home in San Francisco.

Grand Trustee Peter Mastrantonio of San Leandro was guest of honor in recognition of his service to the Order and for having founded the new Enrico Fermi Lodge No. 2094 of Hayward.

Grand Venerable Attilio Raeta of San Francisco, was principal speaker.



RECORDS IN REVIEW

By A. ALFRED MARCELLO

It has been a long time coming, but it's here—the first stereo recording of Verdi's *AIDA*. And London's recording of this widely popular opera is really something to talk about! It is a breath-taking experience. Other record producers are going to find it difficult to match this prodigious recording.

AIDA, as all opera lovers know, makes tremendous demands not only on the singers and the orchestra, but also on those concerned with production details.

In every sense of the word *AIDA* is a spectacular opera. There are a number of scenes which tax the ingenuity of the production staff. There is the stark drama of the entombment, the awesome inquisition and judgment and the magnificent triumphal scene.

All these challenges, we are happy to report, have been met in this remarkable recording on three discs. Technically, this recording will take its place with another flawless London stereo production — *DAS RHEINGOLD*.

Close your eyes while listening to *AIDA* and you will get the illusion of being present at a "live" performance of the opera. There's realism in every turn of the turntable.

Herbert von Karajan conducts the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra with skill. His reading of Verdi's score is excellent in all respects.

The cast of singers leaves little to be desired. Renata Tebaldi and Guiliotta Simionato are superb in the leading feminine roles. Carlo Bergonzi is the Radames of London's recording and he is at his best.

Cornell MacNeil makes one of the most effective Amonarso we have heard either on disc or the "live" stage.

Pagliacci In Stereo

Another complete opera recording we know our readers will like is Leoncavallo's *I PAGLIACCI* with Mario Del Monaco as Canio, Cornell MacNeil as Tonio and Gabriella Tucci as Nedda. London has committed this popular opera to three sides of two discs. On side 4 Del Monaco is heard in an "Italian Song Recital." There are six selections on side 4 and among these are two effective renditions of O solo mio and Granada.

MacNeil's performance as Tonio, the hunch-backed clown, is highlighted by his singing of the Prologue. MacNeil's rich baritone voice comes through superbly.

Del Monaco's Canio is robust and inspiring. His big moment, of course, is the unforgettable aria, *Vesti la giubba*. He certainly adds to his laurels as a tenor in this two-channel recording.

The chorus and Orchestra of the Accademia Di Santa Cecilia, Rome, give a competent performance under the direction of Conductor Francesco Molinari-Pradelli.

Ladies of the Opera

Two more opera recordings in stereo released by London are *JOAN SUTHERLAND OPERATIC RECITAL* and *TERESA BERGANZA SINGS ROSSINI*. Both are delightful experiences in opera singing.

Joan Sutherland is an Australian soprano who has been creat-

ing quite a stir abroad. A comparative newcomer to the opera stage, Miss Sutherland is fast emerging as a major vocal star.

In this, her first recording, she is in lovely voice with her rendition of highlights from Donizetti's *Lucia di Lammermoor*. She displays remarkable range and agility.

The Paris Conservatoire Orchestra is conducted by Nello Santil. Except for one or two lapses the orchestra performs well.

Teresa Berganza is a Spanish lass with a voice of no mean dimensions. She sings eight Rossini selections in well-rounded tones. She has been on the operatic scene for less than three years, making her debut in July 1957 when she appeared in Mozart's *Così Fan Tutte*.

On side 1 of this new London release are selections *Il Barbiere di Siviglia* and from *L'Italiana in Algeri*.

On side 2 are arias from *Semiramide*, the last opera to be written by Rossini, and from *La Cenerentola*.

Lush sound.

L'Oiseau-Lyre

The collector of top-drawer stereo will find a wealth of outstanding music in a series of new releases on London's L'Oiseau-Lyre label.

Among these new releases is Purcell's opera *KING ARTHUR*. This is "off the beaten track" material and quite refreshing. You won't find a familiar name in the cast, but that's of no consequence. The singing is delightful, and the music of the Philomusica of London with Anthony Lewis conducting, is well done.

More works of Purcell are recorded in a disc which highlights songs from *The Tempest* and *The Virtuous Wife*. This type of music is seldom heard on the concert stage and it is a delightful departure from run-of-mill stereo recordings. The singing of three British stars is tops and so is the Philomusica under the direction of Mr. Lewis.

Helen Watts, a contralto, and the Philomusica, combine to make an album on Bach music an unusual experience. Miss Watts has a beautiful clear contralto voice. And she handles with ease the difficult florid music by Bach.

The last of these L'Oiseau-Lyre releases is *THE MUSIC OF HANDEL*. Joan Sutherland tops a competent cast of singers. Among the selections is *Rodrigo*, which according to the jacket notes was composed by Handel while living in Italy.

It was first performed in Florence in 1707.

More Beethoven

And still they come. Since the advent of stereo there has been a constant stream of recordings of Beethoven symphonies. Some of them are good, others just so-so.

Klemperer has committed all of the nine of Beethoven sym-

London Records Wins Coveted Nicolai Medal

London Records has been awarded the coveted Nicolai Medal in recognition of London's outstanding achievement in the production of the Wagner opera, *Das Rheingold*. The medal was given by the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra in honor of its founder, Otto Nicolai.

This marks the first time that the medal has been presented to a record company. Previously the award has gone only to musical artists.

The award was made in Vienna at the conclusion of the recording sessions of Verdi's *Aida*, which is reviewed in these columns this month.

phonies to stereo for Angel and Bruno Walter for Columbia.

Now it appears that Georg Solti is doing the same for London. With the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, Solti has recorded a number of Beethoven works. Two of these—Symphonies No. 5 and 7 we have heard and if these are any criteria the "London Nine" are bound to be at the top of the heap.

In our book Solti is strictly for Beethoven. His is certainly not a standard performance. He has the imagination to overcome conventionality and he makes the most of it.

The sound on both No. 5 and No. 7 is striking.

Ernest Ansermet conducting the Orchestre de la Suisse Romande has recorded in stereo, *BEETHOVEN SYMPHONY NO. 4*. This is another top performance all around. Ansermet's reading is robust and penetrating.

On side 2 of this disc is the *Coriola Overture* Opus 62. This also gets vigorous treatment by Ansermet and the orchestra.

Ricci Recordings

The violinist, Ruggiero Ricci has two new albums on London label — *VIRTUOSO SHOWPIECES* and *LALO*. Ernest Lush is at the piano in *VIRTUOSO SHOWPIECES*. Ricci plays a collection of a dozen short pieces which are recorded in exquisite sound. He is at his best in the romantic pieces such as Chopin's *Nocturne No. 20* and Smetana's *From the Homeland*.

Ernest Ansermet and the Orchestre de la Suisse Romande play with Ricci in the second album. There is just about everything to recommend about Ricci in this one. Ricci demonstrates that he is a highly proficient player in Lalo's *Symphony Espagnole*, Opus 21 and Ravel's *Tzigane*.

Overtures In Stereo

Overtures in stereo make for good listening. Particularly effective are *ROSSINI OVERTURES* out of the Richmond hopper and *SUPPE OVERTURES* on the London label.

Kenneth Alwyn conducts the New Symphony Orchestra of London in such Rossini favorites as *William Tell*, the *Barber of Seville* and *The Silken Ladder*. The sound is good. An excellent buy at \$2.98.

George Solti conducts the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra with his usual brilliance in the recording of the *Suppe Overtures*. The selections include the perennial favorites *Poet and Peasant* and *Light Cavalry*, among others.

The sound is quite impressive.

The Supreme Chaplain's Corner

Christ—In the Christian

By RT. REV. MSGR. GUIDO L. PALLOTTA

The principal goal of every Christian is to have Christ live in and through him. To make it possible for each Christian to achieve this goal, Christ was born amongst us and by His teachings and example showed us how this was to be accomplished. All our thoughts, words and actions should be the thoughts, words and actions of Christ living in us, for, after all, this is what the word Christian means—to be Christ-like; to be another Christ.



FR. PALLOTTA

The lips of Christ spoke no evil, but only words of love; the hands of Christ did no wrong, but only good. The heart of Christ felt no hatred, but only charity and forgiveness; the feet of Christ did not lead to places of iniquity, but, rather, to the homes of the poor, the lame and the blind. The lips, hands, heart and feet of the Christian should follow the example of his Model until he becomes a living likeness of Christ.

People all over the world, today, probably more than ever before, are seeking after Christ, hoping to receive the peace and joy which He alone can give. Where are they seeking Him? Naturally where they feel He would most likely be—in a Christian. Too often, however, they seek, but they do not find Him in the Christian. So they turn away disappointed and still empty. In fact, this failure to find Christ in the Christian has caused many of the seekers after Christ to exclaim: "Christianity has failed!" But, as Chesterton has said: "Christianity has not failed; it has not yet been tried." It is the Christian who has failed to show Christ living in him and through him.

This goal is reached only when a Christian can say with St. Paul, "Now I live, not I, but Christ lives in me."

Letters From Our Readers

IN THE MAILBAG

This column is open to all readers for expressions of opinion. As an evidence of good faith contributors are expected to sign name and address. When it is so requested the name will not be published. Letters will be published in the order they are received.

FLORIDA LAUDS OSIA NEWS DIRECTOR

To the Editor of OSIA NEWS:

In behalf of the Grand Lodge of Florida, I hereby extend our congratulations and our most humble thanks for your most outstanding work in keeping the members of this organization informed as to the different activities going on in our Order through the OSIA NEWS.

Grand Recording Secretary Lillian Perzia
Tampa, Fla.

OSIA NEWS AIDS JUVENILE PROGRAM

To the Editor of OSIA NEWS:

May I take this means of thanking you and your paper for your support of our Athletic Committee, and particularly now and in the past. We are grateful also for publishing the picture of our little champions.

In our many years of promoting sports for youth none of our boys has ever been in trouble with the law. For this the Sons of Italy feel they have provided clean recreation and also helped combat juvenile delinquency. Your support aids greatly in this work.

Chairman Pete Tomasini, Sacramento, Calif.

Denver, Colorado

Santo Named District Judge

District Judge Henry E. Santo, at 34, becomes the youngest man ever to serve on the District bench in Colorado.

Judge Santo, a member of Denver Lodge No. 2075, was appointed to the District bench by Gov. Stephen L. R. McNichols.

His legal background includes service as trial Deputy District Attorney and Municipal Judge. He was appointed Municipal Judge in 1957 and has conducted more than 500 traffic trials to jury and has revamped jury trial procedures. He was serving his second term when named to the District Bench.

He has been admitted to practice before the U. S. Treasury Department, the Tax Court and the U. S. District Court and has served as a lecturer at Denver University College of Law, the Denver Police Academy and the Northwestern University-Denver University Traffic Institute.

Judge Santo was a scholarship

graduate at Cathedral High School in Denver, an honor student at Denver University College of Law, served as a member of the College of Law board of governors and the editorial board of *Dicta*, joint publication of the Denver and Colorado Bar Associations and the law school.

An accounting major in college, Judge Santo received his B.S.B.A. from Denver University. He is a veteran of World War II with service in the Army.

Judge Santo has served as trustee of the lodge since it was organized in 1958. He has been active on a number of lodge committees.

Tacoma Lodge Notes 37th Anniversary

TACOMA, Wash. — Tacoma Lodge No. 1175 celebrated its 37th anniversary at a Past Venerables' Night. Grand Venerable Frank V. Orrico was principal speaker.

Rotary Club's "Gorrasi Day"

WOBURN, Mass. — Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi was honored by fellow Woburn Rotary Club members at a recent "Joe Gorrasi Day" dinner meeting.

The tribute by fellow Rotarians was in recognition of Gorrasi's achievements in the Order and his service to the community.

Speakers included Supreme Venerable Gorrasi and special guests, Grand Venerable Paul A. D'Agostino of Green Harbor, and John A. Volpe of Winchester, chairman of the Order's National Memorial Home fund drive, and candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor, and Michael Gange, venerable of the Woburn Lodge.

Jasper Stewart, club president, welcomed the Sons of Italy officials. Gus Everberg, program director, was toastmaster.

Gorrasi, a practicing attorney and former Woburn city solicitor and rationing board director, spoke on the "human side of the history of America."

He said "it is time to take stock of the human side of our nation, particularly when we are on the eve of a state and national election."

"There is no room," he said, "for racial and religious issues

being a part of the election of the leadership of our nation."

America's rise as the greatest nation in the world, he said, is attributed "to the part that human migration has played in the chapter of history of America."

"The national background of our country rests largely on the immigration influx," he said, adding, "and on its heels came the many organizations—organizations which are dedicated to the common good of the nation and are contributing to the economy, industry and cultural advances of America."

Grand Venerable D'Agostino told his audience of some of the difficulties encountered by the guest of honor when he served as Grand Venerable of Massachusetts during World War II.

"During the war years," he said, "because of Italy's position, Americans of Italian origin were really on the spot."

As head of more than 18,000 members of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge, he said, Gorrasi had made the decision to "meet the situation the only way, head-on."

"Gorrasi conducted the affairs of the Sons of Italy openly and with publicity and gave expression in a manner that reflected his leadership," he said.

Volpe, former Massachusetts public works commissioner and first Federal highway administrator, also paid tribute to Gorrasi's leadership within the Sons of Italy and the community.

"During this critical period of the war years, Gorrasi recognized the dignity of man and extended humane recognition to the Italian prisoners of war in this country," he said.

"He mapped out a program for them, with approval of the U. S. Government. These prisoners were provided recreational equipment, were allowed to travel to communities to attend programs of entertainment, and were allowed to visit the homes of Americans of Italian descent for a Sunday dinner. The program was so successful that some of these prisoners of war made this country their home at the end of the war," he said.

Volpe also told his audience that Gorrasi had played a major role "in the adoption of a level reserve insurance program by the Massachusetts Grand Lodge."

"Under Gorrasi's leadership," Volpe said, "The Sons of Italy is now engaged in a nation-wide drive for funds towards construction of a National Memorial Home in Washington, D. C."

Death Takes Member of Va., Order

ANNANDALE, Va. — Angelo Callandro, founder and first venerable of George Washington Lodge No. 2038, died recently in Alexandria Hospital.

Brother Callandro, a member of the Order for many years, had been serving as state chairman for the National Memorial Home building fund drive.

He served as venerable of the George Washington Lodge for three years. He had also served as Grand Deputy for the Richmond, Norfolk and Washington Lodges.

A barber in this area for 35 years, Brother Callandro was vice president of the Virginia State Barbers Association, was chairman of the Alexandria Barbers Board of Examiners, and was a member of the legislative commission of the State Board of Barbers.

He was a member of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, and the Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by two daughters Miss Mary J. Callandro, grand orator of the Virginia Grand Lodge, and Miss Rachel L. Callandro; by three sons, James V., Joseph and Michael, and one brother, Giuseppe Callandro.

Fratacangelo Passes in Hopewell, Va.

HOPEWELL, Va. — Domenic Fratacangelo, 67, a grand trustee of the Virginia Grand Lodge for the past 11 years, passed away recently.

Brother Fratacangelo was owner of the Hopewell Iron & Steel Company.

A member of Cristoforo Colombo Lodge No. 1508, Brother Fratacangelo had made a substantial donation to the lodge's building fund. Construction of the new lodge home is near completion.

A requiem mass was held at St. James Catholic Church. Burial was in Appomattox Cemetery.

Supreme Venerable's Speech

Excerpts of talk given by Supreme Venerable Gorrasi at Woburn Rotary Club:

"... It is time to take stock on the national and state level and to evaluate our human background not on the religious or racial basis, but upon the abilities, background, service contributed and administrative talents of our leaders. It is a great phenomenon, but it could only happen in America. Our selection will come regardless of party, or racial lines and it will be predicated on a record of ability, and the experience and background to serve.

"The people of Italian extraction have made gigantic strides. This is phenomenal because of the fact that during World War II, our mother country was at war with the United States.

"It was difficult for us to retain the heritage given to us by our mother country and to preserve its love, the heart and pride of our national origin, while contributing so much to the success and victory of the United States.

"Thousands of Americans of Italian origin shed their blood and gave their lives for America in the last world conflict.

"In the American institutions many major contributions have been made by the Italian segment of our American life.

"In the Northwest corner of the United States, Gov. Albert Rosellini of Washington, is of Italian descent. We also have Gov. Michael V. DiSalle of Ohio, Gov. Christopher Del Sesto of Rhode Island and Gov. Foster Furcolo of Massachusetts.

"We live in a tolerant nation and those who aspire for honors must have a broad concept in conscience and in mind, and they can succeed only if their people want them to succeed.

"They must sell themselves to a tolerant nation on their abilities and their rights to that office on merit. They must prove that they are capable.

"I have no doubt that religious and racial backgrounds will not play any part in the state and national selections.

"It is the time to take stock and to give to the world the example we have set, to give to the world the leadership that will replace the need of missiles and other mechanics of warfare. The human side is the only side of this great country of ours."

Angelo Agro Elected At Hamilton, Ont.

HAMILTON, Ont. — Atty. Angelo J. Agro has been elected venerable of Trieste Lodge No. 4.

Other officers named are, Atty. John A. Parente, assistant venerable; Atty. Nicholas J. Zaffiro, ex-venerable; Atty. Joseph Macaluso, orator; Peter Ciechi, recording secretary; Sam Cino, financial secretary; Vern Catania, treasurer; Patrick Marando, Alex Viola, Benny Ferri, Joseph Molinaro and Frank Caprilli, trustees.

Lodge members entertained patients at a ward party at Hamilton Sanatorium.

Greetings
For the New Year

**VITTORIA
LODGE**

No. 585

PROVIDENCE, R. I.

New Year
Greetings

**ALBA
NOVELLA**

Lodge No. 334

Troy, N. Y.

New Year
Greetings
**MARTHA
WASHINGTON**

Lodge No. 1337
VINELAND, N. J.

La Loggia
Onesta e Lavoro
No. 399

SYRACUSE, N. Y.

Estende Fraternali
Auguri Per
L'Anno Nuovo

A Tutti i Componenti
dell Ordine Figli D'Italia

New Year
Greetings

**Seattle
Lodge**

No. 1390

Venerable
LOUIS LICASTRO

Recording Secretary
JOSEPH SALVATORE

SEATTLE, WASH.

SUCCESS TO ALL

IN THE

NEW YEAR

UGUAGLIANZA

LODGE

BRONX, N. Y.

New Year
Greetings

**TACOMA
LODGE**

No. 1175

William J. Dippolito
Venerable

TACOMA, WASH.

NEW YEAR
BEST WISHES

**Alessandro
Manzoni**

Lodge No. 258

MAMARONECK, N.Y.

New Year
Best Wishes To All

**PORTLAND
LODGE No. 1611**

PORTLAND, OREGON

Greetings For The
New Year

**SKOKIE VALLEY
LODGE NO. 2046**

SKOKIE, ILL.

A Happy
New Year
To All

**DUE PALME
LODGE**

No. 189

1007 Daisy Street
CLEARFIELD, PA.



HAVERHILL, MASS. COUPLE WED 61 YEARS

Mr. and Mrs. Felice Lanza, seated, of Haverhill, Mass., wed 61 years ago, meet with members of the Victor Emanuel Lodge of Haverhill. Brother Lanza is one of the oldest members in the Massachusetts Order and is a founder of the Haverhill Lodge. Standing, left to right, John A. Danese, venerable of Emanuel Lodge; Mrs. Helen Cagno, Medford, public relations chairman of the Grand Lodge, and Thomas Mazzola.

Felice Lanza Active At 97

HAVERHILL, Mass. — Brother Felice Lanza, 97, a founder of the Victor Emanuel Lodge No. 1646, is believed to be the oldest member of the Massachusetts Order.

A retired shoe worker, he and Mrs. Lanza also observed this year their 61st wedding anniversary. They were married in St. James Church here in 1899.

Brother Lanza was born in Grotta Manardo, Avellino, Italy, on December 24, 1863. He came to the United States in 1893.

Since his association with the Order in the early 1900's, he has

been an active member and has served as trustee, master of ceremonies and chairman of the lodge's sick committee for many years.

Mrs. Lanza, a member of the lodge, has taken a less active part in lodge work in recent years. She, however, needs no assistance with household chores, shopping and with the preparation of meals.

Of the five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Lanza, four are still living. They also have six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

D'Agostino Speaks On Home Fund

NORTH ADAMS, Mass. — Grand Venerable Paul A. D'Agostino of Green Harbor, making his first official visit here, spoke at a joint assembly of Gorizia Lodge and North Adams Ladies' Lodge.

D'Agostino was accompanied by Grand Financial Secretary Frank W. Liberatore of Fitchburg, and Louis Battiglieri, venerable of the East Boston Lodge.

North Adams members were urged by the Grand Venerable to support the Order's newly created Sons of Italy Foundation and to solicit funds for the National Memorial Home fund drive.

He also discussed the growth of the newly adopted level reserve insurance plan in Massachusetts.

Other speakers included Grand Trustee Frank Esposito; Attilio

E. Meranti, venerable of Gorizia Lodge, and Mrs. Edward W. Buckley, venerable of the North Adams Ladies' Lodge.

The luncheon was attended by more than 100 members. The committee, Mrs. Buckley, chairman; Mrs. Peter Pessolano, Mrs. Mary Timothy, Mrs. Viola Spagnolo, Miss Margaret Astorino, John Cilli and Mario Trozzi.

Two Chelsea Lodges Merge

CHELSEA, Mass. — More than 150 persons attended the merger of Chelsea Ladies' Lodge No. 1732 and Cpl. Frank Barbieri Lodge No. 1460.

The merger was effected by Grand Trustee Joseph V. Nuccio and Joseph A. Furnari, administrative assistant. Grand Deputy Victoria Capone, Everett, assisted in the ceremonies.

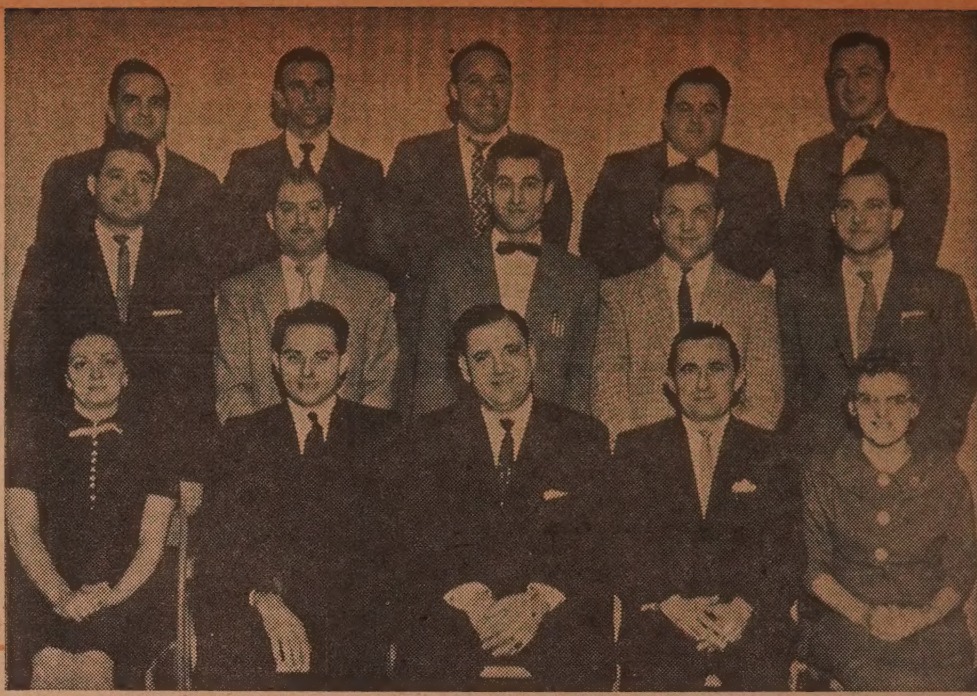
Second Assistant Grand Venerable Madeline Miceli, Medford, was principal speaker. Other speakers included Mayor Alfred Voke and Grand Orator R. Alfred Campisi, Waltham.

13 Inducted At Brockton, Mass.

BROCKTON, Mass. — Grand Trustee Louis W. Salvatore was principal speaker at the initiation of a class of 13 new members into the Christopher Columbus Lodge.

Venerable Anthony Caccialini presided. Grand Deputy Joseph Lombardi served as herald.

The lodge announced plans to induct additional new members in the near future.



BRANTFORD, ONTARIO, LODGE OFFICERS

BRANTFORD, Ont.—Newly elected officers of Rossini Lodge No. 18, are, seated left to right, Lucy Giannetti, recording secretary; Frank White, assistant venerable; Russell Romanelli grand orator, Hamilton; William Giannetti, venerable; Kay Lombardo, financial secretary; second row, left to right, Desio Lucenti, orator; Joseph DeFrancesco, treasurer; Arthur Marcella, ex-venerable and grand trustee; Frank Gambacort, master of ceremony; Leo Presutti, trustee; rear, left to right, Fred DeAngelis, guard; Dino Mancini, trustee; Mario Lucenti, master of ceremony; Lawrence Ferraro, trustee, and Alvio DiDomenico, trustee. Absent when photograph was taken, John Mancini, trustee. The lodge was founded in 1953 and last year completed construction of its new \$50,000 home. The lodge will be host to the 1961 Ontario Grand Lodge convention.

Saverio Romano, Massachusetts Pioneer, is Dead

BOSTON — Atty. Saverio R. Romano, 88, a pioneer of the

Order and first Grand Venerable of Massachusetts, died last month at Boston City Hospital.

Brother Romano was elected Grand Venerable in 1915 and served for three terms until 1919.

He had been twice honored by Italy. He had been given the rank of Cavaliere of the Crown of Italy and later the rank of Commendatore of the Order of the Crown of Italy.

Romano had been a member of the Justinian Law Society, the Italian Historical Society, the Boy Scouts of America, and had served as chairman of the Massachusetts State Republican Committee.

He was born in the town of Lapia, province of Avellino, Italy.

Massachusetts To Award 15 Scholarships

BOSTON — The Scholarship Committee of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge this year will award 15 scholarships.

The scholarships, each in the amount of \$350, will be limited to seniors of any secondary school in Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire or Vermont.

Applicants must be either members of the Massachusetts Junior Division or children of members of the Massachusetts Order.

The committee also announced that one scholarship will be awarded to a qualified student regardless of race, creed or national origin.

Applications are being issued at the Grand Lodge office, 24 Providence street, Boston.

Chicago, Ill.

Pozzo Lodge Celebrates 25th Birthday

CHICAGO — Maria SS. del Pozzo Lodge No. 1774 observed its 25th anniversary with a dinner-dance.

Among the guests were Grand Venerable and Mrs. Humphrey W. Serritella, Grand Treasurer Michael Clifone, Grand Recording Secretary Vito D. Signorile, Grand Trustees Catherine Bruno, Claire Menchini, Ralph Strocchia and Domenick M. Alberti.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Rocco DeCristofaro, Mrs. Paul DeLeonardis, Charles Bellavia, Vito Lonero, Miss Marie Pesoli and the Rev. Joseph Chiminelli.

Skokie Lodge Dinner-Dance

SKOKIE, Ill. — Grand Venerable Humphrey Serritella, Chicago, was principal speaker at a

dinner sponsored by members of Skokie Valley Lodge No. 2046.

Other speakers included Grand Trustee Domenick M. Alberti, Assistant Venerable Mario Tonelli, and Anna Valone, entertainment committee chairman.

Guests, Grand Trustee Claire Menchini, Michael LoMoro, venerable of SaRocco di Valenzano Lodge, and Joseph Radice, treasurer of Ragusa Lodge.

Mrs. Berardinelli Installs Group In San Diego

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Mrs. Nicola Berardinelli, a member of the Order from Chicago, presided at installation ceremonies conducted by the women's auxiliary of the Italian American Civic Association.

Mrs. Berardinelli, assistant venerable of Operatic Lodge No. 1706 in Chicago, was visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Zerlina Desantis, historian of the organization, when she was named guest of honor and installing officer.

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Gorrasi Is Speaker At Newton

NEWTON, Mass. — Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi, Woburn, was principal speaker at the 39th anniversary banquet sponsored by Umberto Prima Lodge held at Columbus Hall.

Among the guests were Grand Venerable and Mrs. Paul A. D'Agostino, Green Harbor; Grand Treasurer Jerry Leone, Mayor Howard Whittemore; the Rt. Rev. Monsignor Furlong, and Venerable Aldo Cairra, who welcomed the gathering.

Anthony Pellegrine was toastmaster and general chairman.